

Senate File 2088 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a name change for a child.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **598.38 Name change for children.**

2 A party whose name will be changed pursuant to section 598.37
3 may request, as a part of the decree of dissolution or decree
4 of annulment, a change to the name of the party's child if
5 the child's surname is the surname of the other party. If a
6 party makes a request under this section, the court shall order
7 the child's surname to be changed so that the child's surname
8 includes the child's current surname and the surname the party
9 requested under section 598.37.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill relates to a name change for a child whose parents
14 are obtaining a dissolution of marriage.

15 Under current law, a party to a marriage may request, as
16 part of the decree of dissolution or annulment, a change in
17 the person's name to either the name appearing on the person's
18 birth certificate or to the name the person had immediately
19 prior to the marriage.

20 The bill provides that if a party makes such a request, the
21 party may also request that the court change the name of the
22 party's child if the child's surname is the surname of the
23 other party. If a party makes such a request, the court must
24 order the child's name to be changed to include the child's
25 current surname and the surname the party requested for such
26 party's name change.